

meet in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "United Nations Development Program in North Korea: A Case Study."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security and the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Management and Oversight of Contingency Contracting in Hostile Zones."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Jesse Baker, a Federal Government detailee for Senator HATCH, be granted the privileges of the floor for the consideration of this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Tiao, a detailee on my staff from the Department of Justice, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of the FISA Amendments Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Pozen, a legal fellow on my staff, be granted floor privileges through August of this year.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MINORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS FOR THE 110TH CONGRESS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 425 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 425) making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 425) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 425

Resolved, That the following be the minority membership on the following committees for the remainder of the 110th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. McCain, Mr. Warner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Sessions, Ms. Collins, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Thune, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Wicker.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Shelby, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Allard, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mrs. Dole, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Corker.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Stevens, Mr. McCain, Mrs. Hutchison, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Smith, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Sununu, Mr. DeMint, Mr. Vitter, Mr. Thune, Mr. Wicker.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Ms. Snowe, Mr. Kyl, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ensign, Mr. Sununu.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stevens, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ensign.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Burr, Mr. Specter, Mr. Craig, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Wicker.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 282 just received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 282) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening debate or action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 282) was agreed to.

ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF SENATE COMMITTEE TO ESCORT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Presiding

Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2556

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I understand that S. 2556, introduced earlier today by Senator REID, the majority leader, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2556) to extend the provisions of the Protect America Act of 2007 for an additional 30 days.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FISA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I was hoping that at this time today we would be talking about the work we had done on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. But we were unable to do that. What an unusual day. We were not allowed to vote on anything on this bill. I hope our friends in the press have been able to witness what took place today.

We talk about last year the Republicans having caused us to try to invoke cloture more in 1 year than had ever happened in a Congress before. In 1 year, they obstructed more things than ever in the history of the country.

Now we are starting this year, and they are objecting to their own bills. The President wants the bill passed. Every one of the Republicans—all 49 of them, I assume—will vote for this bill. So all they would need to pass it is two Democrats. I would have to suggest they probably could do that. They are so afraid they may take a vote that may not be something they want to take that they stop everything.

This is the President's program. It is not our program. We have stood by since 9/11 telling the President: Anything that you need, we are here at

your disposal. Just tell us what you need and we will do it. We only have one request—let's do it legally, constitutionally. If the present law is not sufficient, tell us what you need changed.

We have been standing with our arms out since 9/11. But what we have learned now, since 9/11, is basically the President does not care what we do because he has been told—and he accepts the advice given to him by a man by the name of John Yoo, among others—that the President does not need to follow any law that Congress passes, that he is above the law. I am not making this up. This is the fact. Mr. Yoo has stated so before the world on television: The President does not need to follow any law that we pass. But in spite of that, we have said: Mr. President, we are willing to work with you. We don't think you have that authority. But here we are today, with the law about to expire, and the Vice President having made a speech yesterday, and the President making a statement today saying: They have to pass that bill.

As I explained in some detail earlier today, they put us in a Catch-22. No matter what we do, it does not meet their expectations. So I again repeat, I hope the press is watching this. I hope people who believe in good government are watching this. I hope the people are not going to accept Monday night, during the speech that he is going to give, or any statements made between now and the State of the Union Address, that we are holding up his legislation. We are not holding it up. The Republicans in the Senate are holding it up.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask that morning business be closed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007— Continued

Mr. REID. What, then, Mr. President, is the pending business?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. S. 2248 is the pending business.

AMENDMENT NO. 3918

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk to this legislation, and I ask that the clerk report that amendment if it is in keeping with what the Chair suggests.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada [Mr. REID] proposes an amendment numbered 3918 to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 3911.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the first word in the bill and insert the following:

1. EXTENSION OF THE PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007.

Subsection (c) of section 6 of the Protect America Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-55; 121 Stat. 557; 50 U.S.C. 1803 note) is amended by striking "180" in inserting "210".

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Reid amendment No. 3918 to S. 2248.

John D. Rockefeller, IV, Dianne Feinstein, Jeff Bingaman, Debbie Stabenow, Sheldon Whitehouse, Daniel K. Inouye, Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper, Bill Nelson, E. Benjamin Nelson, Frank R. Lautenberg, Richard Durbin, Ken Salazar, Tom Harkin, Sherrod Brown, Harry Reid.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to go into a period for the transaction of morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Friday, January 25; that on Friday following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2248, the FISA legislation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today Senator MCCONNELL filed cloture on the Rockefeller/Bond substitute amendment. Under the rule, the filing deadline for the first-degree amendments to the substitute amendment is 1 p.m. tomorrow.

As I announced earlier, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow due to the parliamentary situation created by the minority. We now find ourselves in that situation.

The next vote will occur at 4:30 p.m. on Monday. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment. If cloture is not invoked, the way I understand the rules, there will be a vote on our cloture motion that I just filed.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before this body, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:09 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 25, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.